

# The Hongkong Telegraph.



No. 325.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER.

## Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

### PIANOS

ARE GREATLY INJURED, ESPECIALLY IN A TRYING CLIMATE LIKE THAT OF HONGKONG, by allowing them to drop out of Tune; the great Tension caused by tightening up the strings again being exceedingly trying.

A Good Instrument will probably last Twice as long in Hongkong, if kept constantly in Tune.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., having a thoroughly competent Tuner from BROADWOOD & SONS, keep Pianos in Tune and REPAIR at a MODERATE CHARGE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, 13th January, 1883. [296]

## Insurances.

### GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333.33.  
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,858.27.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq., LEK YAT LAU, Esq.,  
LO YEK MOON, Esq., CHU CHIK NUNO, Esq.,  
MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATIONS, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553.95

### DIRECTORS.

H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
J. H. PINCKVOSS, Esq., Wm. MEYERINK, Esq.,  
A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq., G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

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LONDON BRANCH.  
Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,  
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the premia paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

### NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.  
HEAD OFFICE,  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

## For Sale.

G. FALCONER & CO.  
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,

JEWELLERS,  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,  
CHARTS AND BOOKS,  
No. 46, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [434]

CHS. J. GAUFF & CO.  
CHRONOMETER, WATCH, AND CLOCK-MAKERS,  
JEWELLERS, SILVER-SMITHS, AND OPTICIANS.

CHARTS AND BOOKS,  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.  
SOLE AGENTS

For Louis Audemars' Watches; awarded the highest Prizes at every Exhibition; and for Voigtlander and Sohn's CELEBRATED OPERA GLASSES, MARINE GLASSES, AND SPYGLASSES.

No. 35, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [447]

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day PURCHASED the GOODWILL and STOCK-IN-TRADE of W. P. MOORE'S HAIR DRESSING SALOON, Hongkong Hotel. I trust to meet the same Patronage so Liberally Bestowed upon my Predecessor.

J. P. MARMANDE.  
Hongkong, 25th January, 1883.

IN reference to the above the Undersigned having disposed of his BUSINESS, takes this opportunity of returning his sincere thanks for the Liberal support he has received during the time he has been in Business.

W. P. MOORE.  
Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [92]

### NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of GENERAL PRINTERS and BOOKBINDERS hitherto conducted by the Undersigned will henceforth be carried on under the style or firm of

GUDES & Co.  
Mr. F. D. GUEDES being the only PARTNER in the Firm.  
DE SOUZA & Co.  
Hongkong, 31st January, 1883. [105]

## To be Let.

### TO LET.

No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

No. 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE.  
No. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.  
No. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL.  
No. 10, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

Apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1883. [7]

### TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms) in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas and Water laid on; and immediate possession can be had.

For Particulars apply to  
D. NOWROJEE,  
Hongkong Hotel.  
Hongkong, 27th November, 1882. [18]

### TO LET.

WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.  
FOUR LARGE ROOMS in Blue Buildings, Wanchai, (opposite the Long Pier) lately occupied by Mr. H. Joyce.

Apply to  
H. H. CARE OF MESSRS. SAYLE & Co.  
Hongkong, 29th January, 1883. [103]

## Intimations.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Undersigned at or before NOON of WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, for EXTERNAL COLOURING, &c. of ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITAL according to Specifications and Conditions which can be seen on Application at the NAVAL STOREKEEPER'S OFFICE.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

WILLIAM HYNES,  
Officer Performing Storekeeping Duties.  
H.M. NAVAL YARD,  
Hongkong, 7th February, 1883. [126]

SPANISH CONSULATE, HONGKONG.

TENDERS for DOCKING, SCRAPING, CLEANING, and PAINTING the Spanish Cruiser "VELASCO" will be received at this Office on TUESDAY, the 13th instant at 12 O'CLOCK NOON.

Other REPAIRS, if wanted, will be the object of a Separate Agreement.

A. MENCARINI,  
Spanish Consul.  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1883. [130]

WANTED, in KOWLOON A SMALL HOUSE, (detached preferred) with GARDEN, also COOK HOUSE desirable, for a period of 6 to 12 Months.

Address Care of This Office.  
Hongkong, 7th February, 1883. [127]

### LOST.

AT the RACECOURSE, on SATURDAY, January 27th a RACE GLASS. The Finder will be Rewarded on RETURNING the same to

W. M.,  
Care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 5th February, 1883. [121]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, at FOUR O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON of TUESDAY, the 20th February, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1882.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 20th inst, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1883. [107]

WANTED.

BY THE ADVERTISER A SITUATION AS OFFICE ASSISTANT OR STORE-KEEPER.

Address—  
M. E. G.  
Care of Hongkong Telegraph.  
Hongkong, 13th December, 1882. [19]

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS AND LUMBER ALWAYS ON HAND.

L. MALLORY,  
Proprietor.  
Hongkong, 24th June, 1881. [459]

## Intimations.

## "NOVELTY STORE."

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

NOW SHOWING EX LATE ARRIVALS THE FOLLOWING NEW ARTICLES—

Electric Repeater Call Bells. Parisian Coffee Making Machines of New Style. Morocco, Russia Leather and Polished Steel Cigarette Cases. Parisian Vases of Majolica and Fine China Ware in elegant designs. Olive, Walnut and Ebony Wood Photo Frames of Assorted designs. Small Wire Proof Cash Boxes in Shape of a Safe with Secret Lock Arrangement. Unframed Photographs and Chromo Lithographs of Assorted designs and Sceneries. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Card Cases of Morocco and Russia Leather with small Ivory Memo Slate. Fancy Embossed Initial Note Paper and Envelopes, any initial can be had. Fancy Japanese Stationery for Wedding and other Invitations. Endorsement Boxes and Endorsing Blue, Black and Red Inks. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Silk Umbrellas, Masks and Dominoes. Clothes, Tooth and Hair Brushes in Assorted Patterns. Ebony Handle Sliding Aluminium Gold Penholders. Hendries', Gosnell's, &c., Perfumery, Soap, &c. Havana Cigars of Assorted Brands. Il Flor del Mondo Cigarettes, Kaisari-Hind Cigarettes, Duchess Cigarettes, Empress Cigarettes, Princess Cigarettes. All made of pure and choicest Turkish Tobacco. BINOCULARS AND OPERA GLASSES OF BEST MAKE.

S. MEYERS,  
MANAGER.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1883. [28]

## ROSE & CO.

31 AND 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CHOICE VARIETY OF FRENCH AND ENGLISH TWEEDS

GENTLEMEN'S SUITINGS

CASHMERE AND ANGOLA NOVELTIES

ALL OF WHICH ARE SHIRRED READY FOR MAKING-UP.

GENTLEMEN'S FELT HATS (Christie's) the latest shapes.

WHITE AND COLOURED SHIRTS.

LINEN COLLARS AND FANCY SCARVES.

GENTLEMEN'S HOSE in great variety.

UNDERSHIRTS in Balbriggan, Merino, Cashmere and Lambswool.

GENTLEMEN'S KID GLOVES 2 BUTTONS.

UMBRELLAS AND WALKING STICKS.

LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

DRESS GOODS in CASHMERE, FANCY WOOL AND OTHER TEXTURES.

BROCADED GAUZE and GRENADINES.

CASHMERE EMBROIDERED COSTUMES.

BRAIDED JACKETS, CLOTH MANTLES.

RICH BROCADED SILKS.

COLOURED BROCADED SILKS AND MOIRE'S.

LADIES' KID GLOVES 2, 4, 6, 8, and 12 BUTTONS.

FANCY JET GOODS in endless variety.

LADIES' AND GENTS' CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERCLOTHING.

HOSIERY AND CORSETS.

HABERDASHERY, UMBRELLAS, AND SUNSHADES.

&c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH PAYMENT.

ROSE & CO.,

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1883. [379]

## W. BREWER.

PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

HAVING long felt the need of a PUBLIC CIRCULATING LIBRARY in Hongkong, I have determined, should a sufficient number Volunteer to Subscribe to it, to form a Library on the same basis as Circulating Libraries are formed in England, and from my Experience in such matters in England, I feel certain that I can form and conduct a Library satisfactorily to all. My Experience in the East Teaches me that the principal demand would be for LIGHT LITERATURE, and the Ordinary 3-Volume English Novels would therefore preponderate, at the same time Works of any interest on Science, Biography and Travel would find their place on the Library's Shelves.

THE SUBSCRIPTION WOULD BE \$15 PER ANNUM FOR A SINGLE SET OF BOOKS.

Willing Subscribers will kindly send in their Names as early as possible in order that some estimate might be formed of the probable success of the Scheme.

W. BREWER,

QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1883. [703]

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

## SAYLE & CO.

ARE SHOWING.

WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING OUR STOCK TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW GOODS WE ARE OFFERING FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

FANCY CHECKED DRESS MATERIALS.....@ 15c. PER YD. USUAL PRICE 25c.

INVISIBLE CHECKED Do.....@ 15c. do. do. do. 25c.

POMPADOUR DELAINES Do.....@ 20c. do. do. do. 35c.

ROUGH & READY SERGES Do.....@ 20c. do. do. do. 30c.

CHECKED MOHIRS Do.....@ 30c. do. do. do. 45c.

TERRA COTTA & OTHER STRIPED SATINETTES @ 50c. do. do. do. 75c.

FANCY VELVETEENS.....@ 35c. do. do. do. 50c.

ALSO.....@ 1.25 PER PAIR do. \$2.50.

LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.50 do. do. \$2.50.

LADIES SHOES.....@ \$1.75 do. do. \$2.85.

N.B.—JUST OPENED A CASE OF ATKINSON'S SCENTS.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1883. [659]

## For Sale.

### FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

QUARTS.....\$22 per Case.

Apply to  
MELCHERS & Co.  
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1882. [8]

### TO SPORTSMEN.

FOR SALE AT LESS THAN COST.

OWING TO OWNER LEAVING THE COLONY.

Silk-lined RACING SADDLE.

RACING WHIPS with Silver Mounts.

The above, which are ALL NEW, may be seen at the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" OFFICE, and will be Sold a BARGAIN.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1882. [13]

## For Sale.

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE AND PORTER.

DAVID CORSAR & SONS' MERCHANT NAVY.

NAVY BOILED CANVAS.

LONG FLAK CROWN.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [458]

### SANG LOONG.

No. 9, LINDHURST TERRACE.

PEGS to announce to the Ladies and Gentlemen of Hongkong that he has FOR SALE at Moderate Prices—LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S BOOTS and SHOES, LAWN TENNIS SHOES, HOSIERY, SHIRTS, CLOTHES, &c.

A Variety of CHILDREN'S HOSIERY, &c.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1883. [66]

## Shipping.

### STEAMERS.

NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.

FRAISSINET & Co.

INDIA AND CHINA LINE.

THE Fine New 100 At Steamship

"STAMBOUL,"

Maigre, Commander, will sail on or about SATURDAY, the 10th inst, for MARSEILLES, VIA SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, and PORT SAID; and will leave to call at PENANG and TUTICORIN.

In connection with these Steamers the Company runs a Line from MARSEILLES to HAVRE and LONDON, leaving MARSEILLES after arrival of the Steamer from CHINA.

The Company also runs Steamers regularly from MARSEILLES to the LEVANT, CONSTANTINOPLE, DANUBE, MALTA, EGYPT, CORSICA, ITALY, and the LAGUEDOC, by which through freight may be booked.

The Company has a Forwarding Agency at Paris giving special facilities to Shippers.

The Steamers are Specially Fitted for Passengers.

FIRST-CLASS FARE TO MARSEILLES.....\$300.

SECOND-CLASS FARE TO MARSEILLES.....\$240.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 2nd February, 1883. [114]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"ESMERALDA,"

Captain Wright, will be despatched for the above Port, on MONDAY, the 12th instant, at FIVE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 7th February, 1883. [125]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"JAPAN,"

Captain F. F. Flack, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst, at THREE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 7th February, 1883. [128]

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, and BRISBANE, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND and TASMANIAN PORTS, NEW CALEDONIA and Fiji.)

THE Steamship

"NELSON,"

Captain Thom, will be despatched as above, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st instant, at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.  
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1883. [117]

### SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE American Barquentine

"JOHN SMITH,"

Kustel, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 6th February, 1883. [123]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 3/4 L. I. American Bark

"JAMES G. PENDLETON,"

Colcord, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [84]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/4 L. I. American Bark

"HERBERT BLACK,"

Treat, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1883. [109]



## Intimations.

**A. S. WATSON & CO.**  
INVITE INSPECTION OF A WELL  
SELECTED STOCK OF  
**FANCY CHRISTMAS  
GOODS,**

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS.  
IN GREAT VARIETY.

SWEETS AND CONFECTIONERY.

FANCY SATIN COVERED BOXES.

CUT GLASS TOILET BOTTLES.

CHRISTMAS CARD ALBUMS.

IVORY BACK HAIR BRUSHES.

SCIENTIFIC TOYS.

ATKINSON'S, HENDRIE'S, AND LUBIN'S  
PERFUMES.

&c. &c. &c.

**A. S. WATSON & Co.,**  
CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS,  
AND  
PERFUMERS.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
ESTABLISHED 1841.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the free discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK, so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before Five O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1883.

THE Italian Opera Company having suddenly collapsed, certain members of the troupe have, through no fault of their own, been left entirely without resources to enable them to return to Italy. Under these circumstances, Signor and Signora PETROVIC, who only joined the troupe from Italy a few months ago, have made an appeal to the Hongkong public which we trust has not been made in vain. Assisted by Signor CIOCCI, Signor ANTONI, Signor GORE, Signor CATTANEO, Signora STANI and Signora BERTOLINI, the two artists above named have announced a performance of Donizetti's popular opera "Lucia di Lammermoor," to take place at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, on Tuesday next. The programme, as will be seen by reference to the advertisement in another column, is a varied and attractive one, and ought on its intrinsic merits alone to bring together a large audience. However, as the occasion is a noteworthy one, and the object of the performance in every way deserving of support, we feel justified in making a special appeal to the music-loving community on behalf of the unfortunate artists who have been brought from home with promises of brilliant prospects, and left helpless and penniless in a strange land amongst strangers.

Signor and Signora PETROVIC have proved themselves operatic performers of tried ability, and in the various representations in which they have taken part have fairly won the plaudits and good opinions both of the critics and the public. They have striven hard to do justice to the works of the great masters, and to elevate the public musical taste, and therefore have some claim to public consideration. The people of Hongkong are widely known for their generosity in all deserving cases brought under their notice. Here is a case, deserving in every sense of the word. Signor and Signora PETROVIC are desirous of obtaining sufficient funds from this performance to enable them to return to Italy. We venture to believe that the community will extend their hearty sympathy and support to this appeal.

It appears from our latest Washington reports on the subject of the Hawaiian treaty, says the San Francisco Chronicle, that the sugar monopoly has been operating on the fears of the State Department to have notice of abrogation indefinitely postponed. They have started a report that

the Government of the little slave kingdom is prepared to resent the taking away of the support our treaty extends to it by a counter treaty with Great Britain, which shall include the right of that country to establish a naval station at Honolulu; and Secretary FREELINGHUYSEN is said to be seriously taken aback by this report. The scare did not originate with the Secretary, but in the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, which sent the State Department a communication requesting information about the political aspect of the question of terminating the treaty, with this British design in view.

The point for an English naval station in this part of the Pacific is not in the Hawaiian Kingdom, but near the point where the great Dominion railway will terminate. She has that without the asking, and would hardly go so far out of her way as the Islands to offend the United States, which country is her best customer, and to which she has of late shown so many acts of friendship. On the Straits of Georgia she has everything required for a naval station—a good harbor, an abundance of coal, timber, and resources in iron for the repair of ships. The lines of merchant steamships that the railway company will surely float for China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand can be better protected from there than from the Islands. And in the event of a war with the United States—which no one apprehends—English cruisers from headquarters in the north could damage us more than from a naval station within the tropics. On one score the State Department may rest assured—that, whether this preposterous treaty be terminated or not, Great Britain's interests on this coast will prompt her to the construction of a naval station at or near the termination of her Dominion colonies' railway; and that from there, better than from the Islands, she can exercise her power on the Pacific and the western coast. If the prospect is disagreeable to us, our remedy lies in the construction of a navy that can cope with hers, and not in the payment of a subsidy of three to five millions a year to the little slave kingdom ruled by a spiteful sugar monopoly. If England desired to take the Islands, there is nothing to hinder her. We cannot protect them in any other way than by the standing menace of conquering Canada, and that will always prevent England from any unfriendly act toward us, such as the building of a naval station at Honolulu. She would gain by that one dollar in trade advantages at the risk of losing her entire possessions in North America. England has done some silly things, but she is not foolish enough to do this one. Moreover, the Hawaiian monopoly has nothing to gain by a reciprocity with England. Sugar is not one of the dutiable articles of import into Great Britain. She taxes tea, coffee, tobacco, spirits, wine, but not sugar; and the Hawaiian article would stand on a level with that of any other country, and not as by our treaty, with the advantage of 2½ to 4 cents a pound over all other sugar imports into the United States.

## TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, February 8th.

Lord Elcho, the Conservative candidate, has been elected member for Haddington by a large majority.

RESIGNATION OF MR. HEALY.  
Mr. Healy, the well-known Home Rule member for Wexford, has accepted the Chiltern Hundreds.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Shah of Persia pays his barber \$5,000 a year. It is, perhaps, unnecessary to state that the tonsorial artist is a mute.

THE owners of the *Kirby Hall* claim \$30,000 damage by the collision with the *City of Brussels*. The Inman Line estimate their loss at \$800,000 by the *City of Brussels*, beside the cargo and lives lost.

WE are informed by the Acting Agent of the E. A. and China Telegraph Company, Limited, that the construction and maintenance steamer *Scilla*, with the new China Coast Cable on board, arrived at Singapore this morning.

AN observing man has noticed that shoemakers are careless about the shoes they wear, hatters about their hats, and tailors about their clothing. This probably explains why some ministers are personally careless about their religion.

WE have read a good deal of feeble "rot" in our morning contemporary, but never anything equal to the wretched stuff under the signature "Banian" in the *Daily Press* of this date. We are at a loss to decide whether the cad who writes "Chit-chat" or the blockhead who publishes it is most to blame. What does "the honorable the Surveyor-General" think?

ACCORDING to a recognized medical authority, "promiscuous kissing has been infinitely more productive of disease of various kinds than the public ever dream of, and it is a practice that should be discontinued. The people should confine their kissing propensities to members of their own families, and even then it is not always safe." This medical authority evidently knows the world. If you kiss your young and pretty cousin and your wife knows it, you're apt to find it very unhealthy.

SAYS the Shanghai *Mercury*—H.E. Count di Luca, the Italian Minister, leaves for home in a fortnight. The Countess leaves on Wednesday. We understand that Count di Luca will return to occupy the new Italian Legation at Peking in about a year.

REUTERS must really be hard pressed for news, when he takes the trouble to telegraph to China that Lord Elcho has been elected member of Parliament for Haddington. The seat has been held by the father of the newly elected member—the "Adullamite" Lord Elcho of volunteering celebrity, who lately succeeded his father in the Earldom of Wemyss—for many years, and the family influence is so overpowering that the result of the election was simply a foregone conclusion.

WE (*Mercury*) have been given to understand that the "Peat House" on the Soochow Creek is now nearly full of "small pox" patients, and it is therefore to be hoped that the disease has reached its climax. In one sense it would be matter for regret to have the Hospital authorities compelled to seek for other accommodation, or to have this class of sufferers moved outside the compound of the General Hospital, as the excellent nursing which they receive from the sisters, not to speak of two visits per day from the surgeon in charge (Dr. Little), should afford abundant consolation to friends of this unfortunate class, who are so well cared for in every respect.

WE read that when Mrs. Langtry first appeared as Rosalind in London, there was a tremendous crush of the fast young bloods, from the Prince of Wales down to that moral young man the Marquis of Huntly; for they all expected to see the Lily in tights. Not the slightest attention was given to the play till the cue for her entry was heard, and then a sigh—almost a heart-groan of disappointment—went through the house from pit to ceiling. She wore a tunic from neck to ankle! The fact is, the public don't understand how determined Mrs. Langtry is to remain a lady, though she is an actress. A funny incident occurred, though, which made the people laugh, glum as they were. In the sentence, "Were I a woman," the beauty had only got as far as "I would kiss as many of you—" when a stentor's voice came from the back of the pit—"Oh, take us all in!"

A HAWKER of an enterprising turn of mind, and with a predilection for early rising, was observed by Chinese constable 251 at a quarter to four this morning climbing up, by means of a piece of cloth, from the lower to the upper verandah of No. 141, Queen's Road West. The peripatetic's intentions appearing to the lunko to belong to the felonious category, he arrested him and lodged him in the station. The hawker, who explained that his ascent topside was dictated by the most innocent motives, his object being simply to have a quiet smoke, was sentenced by Captain Thomsett to three months' prison fare, in return for which he was to exhibit his gratitude to a paternal Government by doing, without demur, his quantum of shot drill, oakum picking, &c., until released by due process of law.

SOME men are very easily "put out." Take, for instance, the individual who appeared at St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Church, at Farnworth, a few weeks ago. He had met with a woman who was ready and willing to be united in holy wedlock. Unfortunately the registrar did not attend. This annoyed the man considerably. He waited for a while, gradually grew red in the face, then told the expectant bride to go to Bath, or any other place handy, and went away in high dudgeon to his work, declaring that if he was caught on such a fool's errand again "he'd know it." All this was very painful for the blushing bride, who had evidently followed the advice of the old song, "Take me while I'm in the humour," but missed the chance through that naughty registrar. After all she may not have missed much.

HERR VON—of Vienna had tried in vain to make a fortune in many ways. Luck was always against him, and at last to crown his misfortune he fell sick. But on what the doctor declared to be his deathbed, an idea with millions in it struck him. He sent for a lawyer and dictated a will in which he bequeathed vast sums of money to his wife, his family, and various charitable institutions. The lawyer, a notorious blab, spread the tidings, and great was the chagrin of numerous acquaintances to think how they had neglected to pay court to the dying millionaire. But Herr VON—wasn't so sick as the doctor had supposed, and presently he recovered. Then it was that fortune-hunters begged him to invest their money, urged him to accept loans, and gave him a credit second to none in the city. At first he coyly refused these flattering testimonials, but was gradually forced to relent, and having lived in clover for a considerable time, has just failed for an enormous sum.

AS Mr. Stainfield was doing a drive in his barouche on the Shau-ki-wan Road on the 5th instant, and had neared the temple where "Joss" is duly worshipped by his devoted followers, he espied a two-wheeler with "nary" a soul looking after it. Just as he approached the derelict, a squall of wind caught the "ricksha," and blew it right across his path, with the result of damaging both the horses and the barouche to the extent of about \$200. Seeing the defendant in the case and another coolie at the place, he gave the former in charge. The road obstructionist, who tried to make Captain Thomsett believe it was not his particular vehicle that caused the damage, was fined \$3 or seven days' hard labor, a poor consolation to the owner of the carriage and pair for the \$200 damage done. The "ricksha" man came up to time smiling, and handed over the Mexicans to the Magistracy staff. We know that most of these "poor" road" are merely hired men, employed by "bosses" to run the "rickshas, and if this is so in the present case, we see no reason why Mr. Stainfield should not recover the full amount of the damage done.

A DISPATCH to the London *Chronicle* from Berlin mentions the fact that the budget of the State railways of Prussia will show a surplus of 93,000,000 marks for the last fiscal year. The *Chronicle* adds that if "this estimate be confirmed, it will prove that the Government made an excellent bargain in purchasing one by one the principal lines, at a time when the public scarcely hoped to see their shares rise from the profound depression into which they had fallen on account of the recent economic crisis, a depression caused to a large extent by foolish competition and extravagant scheme of construction." Direct advices from Berlin have confirmed the statement. The fact related refutes the claim made by corporation journals that roads under Government control cannot be made to pay.

IN these days when legal technicalities and meaningless quibbles are the very marrow of the existence of that class of character called "limbs of the law," it is refreshing to find that sometimes—

"The only way where it ought to be, The only way where it ought to be." We read in a contemporary that Charles Bradlaugh has "euchred" his arch-enemies, those holy frauds Charles Newdegate, Sir H. Tyler, and H. L. Clarke, who hoped to force him into bankruptcy by saddling him with the accumulated penalties totalling £350,000, incurred by him in sitting and voting in the Commons without having taken the oath. Bradlaugh has proved more than a match for the whole tribe of lawyers. It appears that penal actions instituted by common informers cannot legally be brought on after the lapse of a year from the date of the incidents to which they refer. This is the secret of all the interminable motions on technical and legal points brought before the courts by Mr. Bradlaugh during the last twelve months, and which have led even many of his friends to think him over litigious. By getting all these technical points argued once after the other he has so far delayed the main proceedings that the limitation clause now operates, and the prosecution lapses.

THE following "advice to a discouraged lover," taken from an American contemporary, is respectfully dedicated to our local adonis—"She may be giddy, but she has just about sized you up in shape, and no doubt if you keep on trying to love her without her knowledge or consent, she will hit you with something and put a Swiss sunset over your eye. Do not yearn to win her affections all at once. Give her twenty or thirty years in which to see your merits. You will have more time to her respect by that time, no doubt. During that time you may rise to a high place and win a deathless name. The main thing you have to look out for now, however, is to restrain yourself from marrying people who do not want to marry you. That style of freshness will in thirty or forty years wear away. If it does not, probably the vigorous big brother or some 'young lady of 17' will consign you to the silent tomb. Do not try to promenade with a lady unless she gives her consent. Do not marry one against her wishes. Give the girl a chance. She will appreciate it; and, even though she may not marry you she will permit you to sit on the fence and watch her when she goes to marry someone else. Do not be despondent. Be courageous, and some day, perhaps you will get there. At present the horizon is a little bit foggy. As you say, she may be so giddy that she doesn't want steady company. There is a glimmer of hope in that. She may be waiting till she gets over the agony and annoyance of teaching before she looks seriously into the matters of matrimony. If that should turn out to be the case we are not surprised. Give her a chance to grow up, and in the meantime go and learn the organ-grinder's profession, and fix yourself so that you can provide for a family. Sometimes a girl only 17 years old is able to discern that a young intellectual giant like you is not going to make a dazzling success of life as a husband. Brace up and try to forget your sorrow, and you may be happy yet."

SIGNOR Cagli, that enterprising impresario who, when in Hongkong some years ago, used to look on the female portion of his troupe as so many cast-iron machines, making them perform in five heavy operas during the space of one week, appears to be in anything but fine feather. The Signor has been doing the Australasian colonies with Italian opera for some time past, and lately opened at the Royal, in Sydney, where he does not appear to have done a great stroke. The Sydney *Bulletin* says—Signor Augustus Cagli has written us a letter, dated from the Royal Hotel, and couched in the "choicest Italian." He considers, he says, that our criticisms are *chef d'oeuvre* of discrimination and acumen, and he hopes we will accept the assurance of his distinguished consideration. "This we do with pleasure—but, as this is Christmas time, we cannot but think that something more substantial—a goose say—would have been a more reasonable (no allusion to age, etc., intended) compliment. However, we are grateful for small mercies, and we have put the Signor's letter with our other valuables in the lolly-can on the top shelf of the kitchen dresser. It is honoured with the Shroud people, likewise, were surrounded with a communication from Signor Cagli, and, after having passed it round till it exhaled an odour of cast between a public-house spittoon and a boiling-down establishment, they chartered a Dutchman to translate it. 'Not to be licked,' the giddy Teuton said. It was an invitation to a tripe supper, with the date omitted, and ever since young men 'dumpe' *tripe* *neglected* have harassed the hotel porter and worn out the door-mat, requesting to know when it was to come off. Thus the poor Signor would seem to be doubly unlucky. Poor horses at his show! and, as he is actually housed at his hotel by the entire 'livery' staff of the *Shroud*, a paper of the *Free Press* and *Maiden* description, it is little wonder if the noble Signor Cagli's first salute to his numerous acquaintance is, 'I am sorry for me!'

WE hear that the Choral Society will give a performance on Friday, March 2nd, when Burnett's celebrated cantata "The Ancient Mariner," which has been in rehearsal for some considerable time, will be produced.

TALES of heroism at sea never lose their charm for landsmen. The last, one is found in the *St. James Gazette*. A passenger on board the Orient line steamship Liguria, on her voyage from Simon's Bay to Melbourne, gives, in a private letter, the following account of an act of bravery and devotion on the part of one of the officers and several of the crew of the ship—"While the sea was tremendously high a sailor fell overboard. There was no chance of his recovery. The ship was stopped as soon as possible, but after the first minute, he was never seen again. Nevertheless in five minutes a boat was launched, without the orders of the Captain, who cried when he heard it, 'There go ten more men.' It was an awful time while the boat was out. The officer in charge said that twice he gave up all hope of ever getting back again. After about an hour, during which we were tiring, backing and stopping, rolling fearfully all the time, we and the boat got near to each other again. Ultimately she reached the side of the ship, and amid the greatest excitement the men were hauled up one after the other with ropes; but the captain said he would have no lives lost in trying to save the boat, which was immediately smashed by a blow from the rudder."

## TRAINING NOTES.

The racecourse was again thrown open for training purposes this morning, and a lot of galloping took place. Having been well watered, late yesterday afternoon, the track afforded good going, although in some parts it was rather holding, which prevented the chronicling of anything particularly startling in the way of fast times. I was glad to see the worthy C. C. back at his post, and bustling up Taylor and his associates. Mr. Tripp looks hale and hearty after his trip to Japan—in fact, he looks so fresh and in such hard condition that I should not be a bit surprised to see the veteran sporting squire in the Welter and steeplechases. As soon as the C. C. can spare a little time, I trust he will run his experienced eye over the steeplechase course. A few alterations on the present state of affairs are certainly desirable. If I might be allowed to offer a suggestion, I think the big water jump at the turn into the straight should be abolished. This awkward jump is directly in the bend for home, where it is impossible for a pony to be raced at full speed, even were the going sound, which it most certainly is not. If this jump had been placed opposite the Grand Stand it would have been right enough, as it could very easily be negotiated by ponies going at a fair rate of speed, and speed is indispensable in all cases where a brook has to be cleared. If this jump were removed, a couple of flights of goosed hurdles erected in judiciously selected places, and the walls of the obstacles in front of the Stands raised about a foot, the course would be everything that the most fastidious of horsemen could wish for, presuming, of course, that the weather keeps fine. It must not be overlooked that a wet meeting is just on the cards, and a few days rain means that the portion of the steeplechase course from the mile and a half post to the Wong-nei-chong village will be transformed into a regular quagmire.

I arrived at the course shortly after daylight, in fact it was almost dark, yet the first news that greeted me was that Mr. Hutchings had galloped the Derby pony Cobnut in satisfactory style. I did not see the gallop, so give the rumour for what it may be worth. The first pony I noticed on the track was Driving Cloud, the old chesnut going very steadily for rather better than two miles. The Derby favorite Hornpipe, ridden by Mr. Nickels, rattled along over the Derby distance, moving in splendid form, finishing full of running, and pulling up sound and well. The times for this performance were 33, 67, 1, 23, 2, 17, 2, 54, and 3, 27, 5th—good enough, in my opinion, to justify Mr. Paul in believing that he will not be very far off from repeating the White Velvet coup, with this alashing griffin. First Corner galloped very steadily about a mile, but put on the steam half way down the straight, his last quarter occupying 33 seconds. The famous dun displayed no symptoms of lameness when fully extended on the course; but he certainly walked very stiffly when returning to the paddock. Salomanassar was steered by Mr. Hutchings in a slow canter for rather over a mile, his last three quarters occupying 1, 52—final quarter 34 seconds. Dalesman and Bandsman "foaled" over the Derby course at a hand canter, the watch registering 39, 75, 1, 54, 2, 31, 3, 14, and 3, 48.

An interesting "pow" between the stable companions Shamrock and Sunlight for a mile and a half was closely watched by "the talent." The bay, ridden by "Horse," and presumably with the best of the weights, had the heels of the brown (Mr. Nickels) up from start to finish, and had to be pulled back to prevent his running right away. The performance was a very good one, the times being 33, 65, 1, 40, 2, 14, 2, 51, and 3, 20, and I feel certain that had Sunlight been allowed to stride along he would have shaken our best on record for the distance. Blunder Blaz, ridden by "School," beat Castigator, with "Wild Harry" up, by about two lengths after a pretty race over the Derby course in 3, 39—first six furlongs 1, 50, mile 2, 27, and mile and a quarter 3, 03. "Blunder" is evidently improving; but he is still a long way from being the high class racer he was reported to be before he left Shanghai. Helios galloped about two miles at half speed, and then troqued cantered alongside Guardsman, their last six furlongs occupying 1, 44. In a mile "pow" between Eyre and Faugh-a-ballagh, ridden by Messrs. Reynell and Capel respectively, the blue dun—Mr. Sassoon's—came out with a bang in 2, 27. Filbert cantered, and appeared "led up" behind—last half mile 75 seconds.

Montezuma and the Derby griffin, Sunlight, covered a mile and a half at a steady pace, the

big chesnut cantering for the last half mile. Times—34, 66, 1, 40, 2, 19, 2, 58 and 3, 35. Gang Forward, Pizicato and Allegro went a mile in company, the former beaten off, and the dun winning easily in 2, 18. The full times were 33, 65, 1, 41, and 2, 18. Pizicato went on after the others pulled up, and covered close upon two miles, rolling about a good deal at the finish, and showing temper. Shell went in grand form by himself for over two miles, his last mile and a half in 3, 34, the pony pulling double at the finish. Peanut was exercised by Mr. Hutchings on the steeplechase course, and appears wearing round slowly, although signs of lameness are still discernible. Riako was sent a long gallop, and moved far more freely than I had previously seen him. White Knight and Alric galloped together, by accident, I think, the St. Leger winner having all his work cut out, even with the feather weight "Joe" in the saddle, to keep within hail of Mr. Van Amstel and the old war horse.

Rose was ridden by "Horse" in some muddling sort of exercise, as usual showing fairly good form after warming up to his work. Newmarket ("Toad") and Prejudice (Mr. Nickels) galloped over the Derby distance, the grey conceding a lot of weight, and streaming away whenever his rider loosened his head. The times were 36, 72, 1, 48, 2, 23, 3, 01, and 3, 32. Wild Wolf was ridden by Mr. Tennant in a steady exercise gallop—last half mile 72 seconds. Second Viola was accompanied for a mile and a half by Ghillie Callum—times, 36, 70, 1, 45, 2, 24, 3, 05 and 3, 43. Strathpeffer and Derwent galloped steadily, the old sprinter showing capital form. The queer old-fashioned Canton Cup candidate, Incubus, strode along in the hands of Mr. Reynell. This animal's style of going is most deceptive. To watch him galloping, one would imagine he was going at no pace at all; but on referring to the chronograph, you are surprised to see that he is making fast time. Incubus covered the last quarter of his gallop this morning in a shade over 32 seconds, and I must confess I am puzzled to make out how such a peculiarly actioned pony can get over the ground at such a rate.

I repeated "pows" can be relied on, the leading favorites amongst the subscription griffins would appear to be pretty well together so far as class is concerned. Ponies that have been knocked down to the drawers at the lotteries, have on the racecourse demonstrated their equality, if not their superiority, to favorites purchased for hundreds of dollars. The popular fancy for the Valley Stakes and German Cup has been Mr. Paul's white griffin Opal. Some days ago this pony covered a mile, cantering, in 2, 21—a performance which doubtless justified his elevation to the position of first favorite. This morning in a mile "pow" the outsider Lavender fairly worsted the favorite, the full times being 33, 70, 1, 50, and 2, 28. Possibly Opal may win both the Valley Stakes and German Cup, and doubtless he will remain favorite to the end, notwithstanding his ignominious displays on the training-track, although it is really difficult to understand on what foundation his claims to such high consideration are based. I consider Opal inferior to both Rebel and Lavender in the same stables.

The two comparative outsiders Satanella and Buggins galloped a mile and a quarter. I timed their last mile 34, 71, 1, 50 and 2, 26. Satanella, with a great pull in the weights won, pretty easily; but had the riders been changed the result would probably have been vastly different. Buggins is a fairly good little pony of his class; that has been simply thrown away by sheer neglect. Properly trained, he would probably have been one of the leading favorites for the subscription griffin races, and deservedly so. Mr. Hutchings rode the Derby griffin, Ambassador a mile and a half at a medium pace, this slashing bay striding along in grand form. The full times were 75, 1, 40, 2, 26, and 3, 38 2, 5th. Mr. Hutchings shook his mount up a bit at the finish, the pony responding to his rider's call in a very resolute fashion. Ambassador was made a hot favorite at the lotteries last night, so there can be no doubt that he is greatly fancied by his connections. On his form this morning, he has very good claims indeed to take a still more prominent place in the quotations for the Blue Riband. Merry Monk (Mr. Jeyes) up, led First Flight (Mr. Reynell) for a mile at a fast pace (time 2, 13), the dun pulling over his companion the entire journey. Still the griffin's display was the best that has yet been done by any of the Derby candidates, and will no doubt cause a great reaction in his favor for that classic event.

Rebel (Mr. Sassoon's subscription griffin) and Reifer "powed" six furlongs, the chesnut winning without an effort in 1, 44. A mile trial between Buggins and Cutty Sark was won cleverly by the latter, the time at the quarter post being 36, 72, 1, 47, and 2, 35. Skeddadder, going by himself until nearing the half mile post, where Droemadilly "foaled" in, galloped the last mile of a mile and a quarter gallop, in 36, 1, 12, 1, 50, 2, 26, finishing full of running. This was the best performance of all the subscription ponies. The iron grey, Triumphe, after being led by Esperance for more than a mile, proved an easy winner at the end of a mile and a half, the watch registering 66, 1, 41, 2, 30, and 3, 33. Dutch Oven, Malabar, and Kassassin galloped a mile in 2, 27, the first named bay held the other pair rolling about at the finish like a junk in a typhoon. Darnley, Little Warwick, and Scotch Reel "powed" half a mile, Mr. Mortimer Murray's chesnut winning by three lengths in 65 seconds—first quarter 30. The "Toad" finished up the morning's proceedings by galloping Tempest about half a mile, twice, the rabbit pony evidently not relishing the pastime. My review of the open-air style of riding, and prospects of the various ponies entered for the first day's races I am compelled to hold over until Monday.

AN OLD SPORTSMAN.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1883.



## SWATOW.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Of the two "lame ducks" lately arrived here, the brig *Tartar*, after effecting some necessary repairs ordered by our worthy surveyor, Captain Asverus, has accepted a charter to load for Singapore and bring back from there a cargo of hard wood, for the sum of \$2,500; she is allowed 40 lay days. The brig *Argos* discharged her sand ballast and took in stone ballast, intending to go to Foochow to load poles, which would have prevented her sinking, and she might then have floated to Shanghai; but as she is still making a good deal of water, her captain thought it safer not to risk the life of the crew or his own, so he has telegraphed to Shanghai for further orders.

On the 21st instant the German authorities here, Consul von Möllendorff and Mr. Schar, sent an ultimatum to the Taotai about the vexed land question, but were unable to come to an understanding. The German gunboat *Illia* got up steam and left at 4 p.m. for Hongkong, to communicate per telegraph with the home authorities, and also with the minister at Peking. She returned from Hongkong on the 26th, and is now anchored opposite Mr. Schar's residence; so for the present everything remains in statu quo about this troublesome affair.

I hear from good authority, that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. have bought Messrs. Douglas Laprak & Co.'s business; and that we shall probably lose one of our most respected residents, Capt. A. G. Pitman, who, it is said, intends going home on a well-earned holiday; but we sincerely hope to see him back again amongst us, or in command of one of the coasting steamers, as it was always a treat to travel in a steamer commanded by Capt. Pitman. I hear the transfer of Messrs. Douglas Laprak's business will take place in April next, but I cannot tell who is to be manager yet.

On the 29th instant the Commissioner of Customs, Col. Jamieson, gave a ball which was thoroughly enjoyed; dancing was kept up until the small hours of the morning.—*Mercury*.

## CHEFOO.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

After fine and mild weather for a fortnight, with prevailing light southerly winds, cold weather set in again; from the 16th till 18th instant, a strong N.W. gale, with heavy snow squalls, has been blowing; Temperature, max. 11°; min. 2°.

The harbour, from the hill over to the West Beach, was full of ice; yesterday, with a moderate westerly wind, the ice was drifting out to sea, and to-day the harbour is nearly free from ice. The Chinese gunboats *Wei-yuen* and *Tsun-yuen-chow* have arrived from Corea; the former on the 9th, the latter on the 19th inst.

All seems to be quiet in Corea; Mr. von Möllendorff, the Inspector General of Korean Customs, is still at Seoul; he intends, however, to visit shortly all the Korean ports and then go to Peking for the purpose of arranging with Sir Robert Hart about a Customs staff.

The Chinese gunboats *Yang-wei* (with Capt. Lang on board), *Chao-yang*, *Chen-nan*, *Chen-tung*, and *Chen-tai* arrived from a cruise yesterday.

The steamship *Hing-shing* left this port for Corea on the 13th inst.; Mr. Tong King-sing and suite will return in her to Shanghai.

The couriers with the overland mails arrive pretty regularly from Tientsin; from Shanghai no overland mail has arrived yet.

Mr. Hughes, the Commissioner of Customs, came back from Shanghai in the *Hing-shing*, and took charge again of the Customs.

The addition of a new story to the Family Hotel is undoubtedly a great improvement; it is now the largest hotel at Chefoo, and families visiting this bathing place for the summer will certainly enjoy their stay in it as they will find it pleasant and comfortable in every respect.

During winter the Beach Hotel is the most frequented on account of its situation in the settlement; its billiard room is then the meeting place of captains of sailing vessels and people connected with shipping.

The Church Committee intend to raise by subscription a sufficient sum for building a tower and getting a new bell for the Union Chapel.

In December we had pretty good skating on the ice pond; unfortunately we have been deprived of it this month, there being no water in the pond.

Vessels in harbour: Chinese gunboats—*Wei-yuen*, *Tsun-yuen-chow*, *Tao-king* (with Admiral Ting on board), *Yang-wei*, *Chao-yung*, *Chen-nan*, *Chen-tung*, *Chen-tai*, and 4 sailing vessels.

This winter is a severe one; there has not been so much snow for many years as there is now; it is covering the ground a feet deep. After a moderate Easterly wind and heavy snowfall for 24 hours, a strong N.W. gale set in, rolling a heavy sea into the harbour. The gale abated on the 31st ult., and fine weather, with frost, set in.

The Chinese gunboat *Chen Ching* arrived from Corea on the 31st ult.; she will proceed to Shanghai, taking Captain Farrow down, who is to superintend the fitting up (as a training ship) of the *Kolga*, lately bought by the Chinese Government for this purpose. The Chinese gunboat *Tsun Yen-shan* left for Corea yesterday.

There is no news of any importance from Korea; Mr. von Möllendorff has left Seoul on his journey to the interior, for the purpose of making himself acquainted with the state and resources of the country.

These steamships *Malta* and *Chelapa* are in port; the former loading for Canton, the latter for Swatow.

Arrivals—January 22, British barque *Batavia*, from Shanghai; 26, British barque *Pronto*, from Nagasaki; 30, British schooner *Augusta*, from Nagasaki.

Departures—January 24th, German barque *Pallas* for Amoy; February 1, German barque *Saturn* for Nagasaki.

Sailing vessels in harbour—*Peter*, *Mosart*, *Orlent*, *Batavia*, *Pronto*, *Augusta*.

The chief engineer Mr. Kirkwood, will probably go to Tientsin early in spring, where a good situation as instructor in engineering, modelling, etc., has been offered to him.

Captain Clayton leaves for Shanghai in the gunboat *Chen Ching*, en route to Europe on 2nd ult.

At the annual meeting of members of the "Seamens' Hall" an animated debate took place with regard to the proposed removal of the billiard-table; the proposal was, however, rejected.

Business is dull and freights very low; there is hardly any demand for tonnage; a change for the better is expected after the Chinese New Year.—*Mercury*.

## NINGPO.

February 3rd.

The *Ashuelot* will, I understand, leave hence for coast ports and Hongkong on Wednesday, but we are to be and have been the only lucky out-port where these famous minstrels will perform I am told.

This forenoon, the Chinese Admiral, Taotai, and Captain Seng of the ram (g.v.) *Chia-wei*, paid their respects to the U.S. naval representative. They were all received in turn with a salute of three guns. I can understand the honours conferred upon the two former, but it seems strange that a Captain of a Chinese gun-vessel should receive the same honours as his bosses the Taotai and Taotai. However, no harm done I guess.

By the way, whilst on the subject of Chinese officials I must mention our recent change of Taotai. Sai Chang, our late Taotai, has been replaced by the Wenchow Taotai, Wen Chung-han, who will simply be acting Taotai here for the present whilst our own Taotai goes to Peking for an audience. Wen Chung-han arrived here per *Chia-wei* on the 26th ultimo, and assumed his arduous duties at once I believe.

We have just received an addition to our Consular staff here, in the appointment of Mr. O'Brien Butler to assist H.E.M.'s Consul, Mr. Cooper.

The German firm of H. B. Meyer at this port liquidated on the first instant, and the same business will now be carried on by Mr. T. Hartmann, an old China hand, who has recently returned to the East. We shall all be very sorry to part with Mr. Meyer, but at the same time we are very glad to see the gap which he creates so well and quickly filled.

The weather lately has been very wintry. Of ice and snow we have had an extraordinary share this season. The hills are all covered with snow at present, presenting a sort of Alpine *consp. d'ail*. If the weather keeps clear and frosty, we may indeed look forward to a good time of it up-country at the New Year holidays.—*Mercury* Correspondent.

## THE WRECK OF THE "WUHU."

The wreck of this vessel, one of the largest and best fitted in the Yangtze trade, was sold by Public Auction yesterday for 780, and Chinese were the purchasers. All interest, therefore, in the wreck by foreigners has now ceased, and from what we hear of its condition the natives will have to lose no time in the New Year celebrations to recoup themselves for their venturesome outlay. There is an exceedingly strong tide at the section of the Yangtze where the wreck is situated; the hull of the vessel is in three parts and submerged at high water, and the greater portion of the cargo has been washed away. Probably some of the machinery may be recovered, but even this is very doubtful. An incident in connection with the catastrophe occurred which has not yet been made public, and in the interests of foreigners it should not pass unrecorded. It is well known that nearly all the cargo in the *Wuhu* was owned by natives, who had not taken the precaution to protect themselves in case of loss by insurance. Soon after the wreck occurred a meeting of the various native shippers was convened at a tea house in the French Concession with the object to "take up" the owners of the steamer in case they refused to recompense them for the loss they had sustained. A document was drawn up, under which shipments in any of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's steamers was prohibited till the claims were satisfied, and all present signed this document with the exception of two, who were sufficiently bold to point out the arbitrary nature of the course the majority had decided to take, and persuasion and threats did not induce them to sign the deed. More vigorous measures were then resorted to, and the two men were the victims of a dastardly assault—very much to their credit, and as they would not even then comply with the request of their assailants, they were ejected from the meeting. As to the course the proceedings took subsequently, we have not been able to learn.—*Courier*.

## HOW A MANAGER CONTRIVED TO RESTRAIN A BUMPTIOUS SINGER.

A manager, says the *London Society*, ought to possess, 1.—The diplomacy of a Talleyrand, in order to get rid, politely, of petitioners for private boxes, importunate authors, patrons of ballet maidens, fanatic composers, starters of phenomena and producers of stars; 2.—The stoicism of a Brutus, to resist the caprices and pretensions of the crowd, both feminine and masculine, assembled behind the scenes; 3.—The self denial of St. Anthony, to withstand the seductions of his actresses, and also the nose of St. Anthony's companion, to scent out promising attractions, possible celebrities, and whatever all draw. The patience of Job, to support the demands of the public, the carping critics and the jealousy of rivals are necessities. The most knowing managers are naturally those who have previously served in the dramatic ranks themselves. One of these, an extensor, who had made his fortune, and who, during his vocal career, by his hoarseness, his demands and his caprices had driven his employer half crazy, became, when he took a theatre on his own account, the acquisition of taskmasters and managers. The severest of power changes the nature of a man, but rarely to his advantage. He would suffer no punishment or impositions. The most trifling negligence was punished by a heavy fine. The least infraction of the terms of an engagement was met by legal proceedings—by gentlemen, if necessary.

In 1863, when he took in hand the direction of the theatre of L., the municipality imposed on him the condition of engaging the tenor Oswald, whose talent was remarkable—especially for feigning illness at will. When Oswald took it into his head that he would not sing, he gave himself a fever by means of needles to describe, but sufficiently mysterious to puzzle the actors.

But the cunning old singer, who knew all the tricks of his trade, took his precautions in consequence. Every evening when Oswald sang he dressed up a good looking supernumerary in exactly the same costume as the sickle tenor, with orders to make himself conspicuous behind the scenes until the close of the performance. The constant presence of this subsidiary personage soon grew into an actual annoyance to Oswald. So one evening, between two acts of the "Muetto," he asked his manager, "Who is that fellow dressed up exactly like me, who always sticks himself in the way every night I sing? What does he do here?" "He is your double—your substitute." "For what purpose?" on what account?" "To take your place in case of need. Your health is so delicate; you may at any day have a fever fit, or be seized with sudden hoarseness. I don't want to be placed in the cruel necessity of closing the theatre, or returning the money taken at the doors." The deuce, said the tenor, slightly flabbergasted, and scanning his duplicate with side-long looks. "Where did you pick up that musical animal? Has he any talent? Can he sing?" "Divinely! Perfect phrasing! splendid *ut de poitrine*; pupil of Duprez. I discovered him in Paris. But you shall judge for yourself the first evening you feel a little out of sorts. He knows all your parts, and can take them at a minute's warning. We can hear him quietly in my manager's box."

During the night months that the season lasted, Oswald had no other single loss of voice nor the slightest touch of fever.

## To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

BETWEEN TO-DAY AND MONDAY First-class Fare to, MACAO and DACK will be \$3, Second-class \$1.50.

By Order,  
P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary. [124]

TENDERS are invited for BUILDING WOODEN LIGHTERS from 60 to 100 Tons Burden—Light Draught. Also WOODEN TUG BOAT 40 Horse-Power, 20 feet Beam, and 8 feet Draught. Specifications, etc., not later than TO-DAY, 10th instant, to:

CAPTAIN FRYER,  
Care of DUNN, McLEAVE & Co.  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1883. [129]

## ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

IN consequence of the break-up of the above Company, Signora and Signor PETROVICH beg to announce

A PERFORMANCE  
FOR

TUESDAY EVENING,  
THE 13TH INSTANT,

When will be produced  
DONIZETTI'S GRAND OPERA

"LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR."

Between the 1st and 2nd Acts MAESTRO GORE will play on the Piano-forte a Grand Fantasia.

Between the 2nd and 3rd Acts Signora and Signor PETROVICH will sing the Grand Duo "GUARANY" OF MAESTRO GOMEZ.

Signor and Signora PETROVICH would respectfully ask the Public of Hongkong for a Share of their Patronage to enable them to secure a passage home.

DRAMATIS PERSONE—  
LUCIA ... .. Signora PETROVICH.  
EDGARDO ... .. Signor PETROVICH.  
ENRICO ... .. Signor CIOCCHI.  
ARTURO ... .. Signora SILINI.  
RAIMONDO ... .. Signor ARGENTI.  
ALISA ... .. Signora DEBOLINA.

Seats may be booked at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH's, where a Plan of the Theatre is now on view.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1883. [132]

## "WAI SAN YAT PO."

A CHINESE DAILY NEWSPAPER, with a wide circulation in the Colony and at the Coast Ports, at the Moderate Subscription of FOUR DOLLARS per Annum. It is an excellent medium for ADVERTISERS at Strictly Moderate Charges. Communications to be addressed to the Proprietor,

LUK KE SHUN,  
No. 9, Gough Street.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1883. [133]

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Hongkong, 5th February, 1883.

## Intimations.

F. D. GUEDES.

WINE MERCHANT AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.  
No. 5, D'AGUILAR STREET.

HAS always on hand a large assortment of CHOICE WINES of the best quality, at Moderate Prices.  
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [663]

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No. 112, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.  
Hongkong, 16th May, 1882. [347]

## THE CITY OF MANILA CIGAR STORE.

HAS FOR SALE

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JOSE M. BASA,  
No. 51, B, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1882. [247]

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

TO ADVERTISERS.

SHIPPING FIRMS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, COMMERCIAL HOUSES, AND ADVERTISERS generally are informed that arrangements have now been completed to issue daily in connection with all

ADVERTISEMENTS INSERTED IN THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" A SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT SHEET FREE OF CHARGE.

As the scale of charges in the *Hongkong Telegraph*, which has a guaranteed circulation of FIVE HUNDRED COPIES

is fixed at an exceedingly low rate, the attention of Advertisers is directed to the many advantages offered by this journal as a General Advertising Medium, and the support of the Mercantile Community and the public generally is respectfully solicited.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1883.

## Intimations.

## KELLY &amp; WALSH.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NEW CABINET PHOTOGRAPHS.

THE QUEEN.  
PRINCE OF WALES.  
PRINCESS OF WALES.  
PRINCE ALBERT VICTOR.  
PRINCE GEORGE.  
THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.  
THE POPE.  
THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY.  
FOUR GERMAN EMPERORS.  
KING OF SPAIN.  
CARDINAL MANNING.  
CARDINAL NEWMAN.  
MR. GLADSTONE.  
MR. JOHN BRIGHT.  
LORD CHAMBERS.  
MARQUESS OF SALISBURY.  
MR. HENRY IRVING.  
COUNTESS OF DUDLEY.  
COUNTESS OF LONSDALE.  
COUNTESS OF GROVESNOR.

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MRS. WORTH.  
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MISS DULIN.  
MISS GRAHAM AND MISS DULIN.  
MISS PULLEN.  
MRS. DURHAM.  
MISS FLORENCE ST. JOHN.  
MRS. L. COOTE.  
MISS CALHOUN.  
MISS MABEL BEAUFORT.  
MISS MABEL BEAUFORT & MISS BESSIE BELL.  
MISS VIOLET CAMERON.  
MRS. NEWTON.  
MISS FANNY DAVENPORT.  
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MRS. MARINI.  
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Law of Private Trading Partnership.

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Familiar French Quotations and Proverbs.

Dictionary of Mythology.

Dictionary of Daily Blunders.

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Familiar Latin Quotations.

Dictionary of English Proverbs.

KELLY &amp; WALSH—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1883. [559]

## For Sale.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.  
SHIPCHANDLERS, STORE-KEEPERS  
AND  
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DRILLS.

GIMBLETS.  
SQUARES.

PATENT BRASS PADLOCKS & CHEST LOCKS.

MRS. POTT'S PATENT SADIRONS.  
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FORCE PUMPS FOR SHIPS' USE.

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BLACKSMITHS' BELLOWS.

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SCREW WRENCHES.

PLANE IRONS.  
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HAMMERS.  
PINNERS.

NIPPERS.  
DIVIDERS.

RULES.  
METAL SCISSORS.

METAL SAWS.  
TUBE EXPANDERS.

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VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN  
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Hongkong, 7th October, 1882. [10]

C. L. THEVENIN.

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Hongkong, 2nd October, 1882. [6]

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KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1882.

## Intimations.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 12th April, 1882. [227]

## T O K E E.

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## Commercial.

## THIS DAY.

No share transfers have been reported this morning; but the tone of the market is slightly better all round. Banks are wanted at 193 per cent. premium cum new issue for the end of the month; but no shares are on offer at the rate. Inquiries after China Traders' scrip at 1,610 have not been responded to. Steamboats are in request at 29 per share premium. Ices are wanted at 175 and China Sugars at 200. Other quotations are unchanged.

Since noon a small sale of Banks has been put through at 194 for the end of the month. China Sugars are much firmer in the market, shares having changed hands at \$202 per share, an advance of \$2, and more shares are wanted at the same rate. No other stocks require special mention.

**SHARES.**  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—Ex New Issue—157 per cent. premium, buyers.  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—New Issue, 147 per cent. premium—nominal.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,850 per share, buyers.  
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,610 per share, buyers.  
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,225 per share.  
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$135 per share.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 870 per share ex div. buyers.  
Chinese Insurance Company—\$220 per share.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1,150 per share, buyers.  
China Fire Insurance Company—\$322 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—49 per cent. premium, buyers.  
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$29 per share ex div. buyers.  
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—130 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$126 per share, buyers.  
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—par. sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$302 per share, buyers.  
China Sugar Refining Company (Debtentures)—3 per cent. premium.  
Luson Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$115 per share, sellers.  
Hongkong Ice Company—\$175 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$60 per share.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—14 per cent. prem. ex int.  
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—24 per cent. prem.

**EXCHANGE.**  
ON LONDON—Bank T.T. 3/7  
Bank Bills, on demand 3/7  
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight 3/7  
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight 3/7  
Credits, at 4 months sight 3/8  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight 3/8 @ 3/8  
ON PARIS—  
Bank Bills, on demand 4/52  
Credits, at 4 months sight 4/52  
ON BOMBAY—Bank T.T. 2/3  
ON CALCUTTA—Bank T.T. 2/3  
ON SHANGHAI—  
Bank sight 721  
Private, 30 days sight 738

**OPPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.**  
NEW MALWA—per picul, \$535  
(Allowance, Tals 64)  
OLD MALWA—per picul, \$555  
(Allowance, Tals 8)  
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest, \$555  
NEW PATNA (second) per chest, \$545  
NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest, \$530  
NEW PATNA (bottom) per chest, \$517  
NEW BENARES (without choice) per chest, \$548  
NEW PERSIAN—per chest, \$335  
OLD PERSIAN—per picul, \$320  
(Allowance, Tals 32).

**HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.**  
(FROM MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER.)  
Barometer—P.M. 30.125  
Barometer—A.M. 30.125  
Thermometer—P.M. 75  
Thermometer—A.M. 75  
Thermometer—P.M. (Wet bulb) 75  
Thermometer—A.M. (Wet bulb) 75

**CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.**  
THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.  
Barometer—Hongkong 30.125, Amoy 30.125, Shanghai 30.125, Manila 30.125  
Thermometer—Hongkong 75, Amoy 75, Shanghai 75, Manila 75  
Direction of Wind—S, S, S, S  
Force—S, S, S, S  
Dry Thermometer—S, S, S, S  
Wet Thermometer—S, S, S, S  
Weather—S, S, S, S  
Hourly Rain—S, S, S, S  
Quantity fallen—S, S, S, S

**Shipping.**  
**ARRIVALS.**  
VIGILANT, British despatch-vessel, Lieut-Comander C. Lindsay, 10th February, from Canton.  
AGAMEMNON, British steamer, 1,522, Wilding, 10th Feb., Shanghai 7th Feb., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
AMAZON, French steamer, 2,804, Macé, 10th Feb., Shanghai 8th February, Mails and General—Messageries Maritimes.

**CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.**  
Alexa, British bark, for Singapore.  
Peking, British steamer, for Shanghai.  
Agamemnon, British str., for Singapore, &c.  
Nonpareil, British str., for Saigon.  
Glenelg, British steamer, for Amoy.  
Kwik, Norwegian bark, for Foochow.

**DEPARTURES.**  
February 9, Cashmere, Brit. ship, for Calcutta.  
February 10, Yangtze, Brit. str., for Saigon.  
February 10, Chinkiang, Brit. str., for Canton.  
February 10, Spica, German bark, for Rangoon.  
February 10, Yu-yu, Chinese str., for Canton.

**PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.**  
Per Amoy, str., from Shanghai—Mr. and Mrs. Ponomareff, 2 children, and servant, Miss Raymond, Messrs. C. Lucas and servant, A. Young, H. D. C. Forbes and servant, Chen and servant, Chu Taotai and servant, Wai and servant, Heckson, and Chu, for Hongkong.  
Per Saigon—Mr. V. A. Signin. For Naples—Mrs. de Luca, 2 children, and servant. For Marseilles—Messrs. C. W. Seigfried and D. McIntyre.

**TO DEPART.**  
Per Agamemnon, str., for Singapore, &c.—6 Europeans and 20 Chinese.  
Per Peking, str., for Shanghai—130 Chinese.  
Per Glenelg, str., for Amoy—7 Europeans.

**REPORTS.**  
The British steamship Agamemnon reports left Shanghai on the 7th instant. Had moderate monsoon and fine weather.

**VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN JAPAN, CHINA, AND MANILA.**  
Holstein (s.).....Nagasaki.....Dec. 9  
Lequie (s.).....Manila.....Dec. 11  
Pembroke (s.).....Shanghai, &c.....Dec. 13  
Glenelg (s.).....Shanghai.....Dec. 13  
Electra (s.).....Japan.....Dec. 17  
Jason (s.).....Shanghai.....Dec. 18  
Diomed (s.).....Shanghai.....Dec. 19  
Bacchante (s.).....Manila.....Dec. 22  
Hector (s.).....Shanghai.....Dec. 23  
Menelaus (s.).....Shanghai.....Dec. 28  
Massalia (s.).....China.....Dec. 29

**VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.**  
(Corrected to Date.)  
Annina.....New York.....July 11  
Marianne.....Cardiff.....July 12  
Nieuwe Waterweg.....Hamburg.....Sept. 5  
Fleulin.....Sunderland.....Sept. 6  
Phoenix.....Hamburg.....Sept. 17  
Emma T. Crowell.....New York.....Oct. 2  
Adolph.....London.....Oct. 13  
Wandering Jew.....Cardiff.....Oct. 20  
Adele.....Cardiff.....Oct. 21  
Auguste.....Newport.....Oct. 24  
Annie J. Marshall.....New York.....Nov. 3  
Inca.....Hamburg.....Nov. 21  
Dato.....Liverpool.....Nov. 30  
A. and W. C.....Liverpool.....Dec. 16  
Anchises (s.).....Hamburg.....Dec. 19  
Maria Magdalena.....Hamburg.....Dec. 21  
Vanice (s.).....Cuxhaven.....Dec. 21  
Bothwell Castle (s.).....London.....Dec. 28

**MAILS EXPECTED.**  
**THE FRENCH MAIL.**  
The M. M. steamer *Pitho*, with the next French mail, passed Cape St. James on Thursday, the 8th instant, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 12th.

**THE AMERICAN MAIL.**  
The O. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *Arabic*, with the next American mail, left Yokohama on Thursday, the 8th instant, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 14th.

**STEAMERS EXPECTED.**  
The O. S. S. Company's steamer *Anchises* left Singapore on the 2nd instant, and is due here on the 10th.  
The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Cyclops* left Singapore on the 3rd instant, and is due here on or about the 11th.  
The steamship *Hungarian* left Sydney for Hongkong, via Queensland Ports, on the 10th ultimo, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 14th instant.  
The E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Boovin* left Sydney on the 20th ultimo, and is due here on or about the 14th instant.  
The steamer *Bothwell Castle* left Singapore on the 9th instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 16th.  
The steamer *Continent* left Singapore on the 9th instant, and is due here on or about the 16th.  
The N. L. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Comorita* left Batavia on the 1st instant, and may be expected here on or about the 17th.  
The steamer *Tannadice* left Sydney on the 3rd instant, and may be expected to arrive here about the 27th.

**SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.**  
**STEAMERS.**  
ALBA, British steamer, 366, F. D. Goddard, 7th Feb., Taiwan 4th February, and Amoy 5th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.  
BELLONA, German steamer, 780, W. Schaefer, 7th Feb., Saigon 29th January, Rice—Simonsen & Co.  
CITY OF PEKING, American steamer, 5,070, Berry, 7th Feb., San Francisco 10th January, and Yokohama 4th February, General—Crusader, British steamer, 647, T. Rowin, 13th November, Saigon 7th November, Rice—Chong Wo Cheang.  
DALE, British steamer, 644, E. Allison, 2nd Jan., Bangkok 15th December, Rice and General—Yuen Fat Hong.  
DECIMA, German steamer, 1,151, S. Oestmann, 2nd Feb., Saigon 28th Jan., Rice—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.—Cosmopolitan Dock.  
DIAMANTE, British steamer, 514, R. F. Cullen, 9th Feb., Manila 6th February, General—Russell & Co.—Kowloon Dock.  
ESMERALDA, British steamer, 393, G. Wright, 6th Feb., Amoy 5th February, Bricks—Russell & Co.  
FAME, British steamer, 117, Stopani, (supplying) Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.  
FOKIAN, British steamer, 509, Abbott, 6th Feb., Singapore 24th January, Kudat 30th, and Sandakan 1st Feb., Timber—D. J. Lapraik & Co.  
GLENELG, British steamer, K. J. Gasson, 7th Feb., London 22nd Dec., and Singapore 31st January, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

**HONGKONG—STEAMERS.**  
GLENELG, British steamer, 894, J. S. Speechly, 14th Jan., Saigon 6th January, Rice—Tung Kee—Abenden Dock.  
HAIRAN, British steamer, 283, Connor, 6th Feb., Hongkong 4th Feb., General—Along.  
HIMALAYA, British steamer, 514, W. R. Beedle, 21st Jan., Yokohama 11th January, and Nagasaki 24th, 300 tons coal, and 500 tons General—Butterfield & Swire—Kowloon Dock.  
JAPAN, British steamer, 2,440, F. F. Flack, 1st Feb., Calcutta 17th Jan., Penang 23rd, and Singapore 25th, Opium and General—D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.  
KHIVA, British steamer, 1,419, P. Homis, 6th Feb., Bombay 17th January, General—P. O. S. N. Co.  
KWANTUNG, British steamer, 674, M. Young, 8th Feb., Foochow 5th Feb., Amoy 6th, and Swatow 7th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.—Cosmopolitan Dock.  
LENNOX, British steamer, 1,337, Scott, 1st Feb., Calcutta 17th Jan., Sand Heads 18th, Penang 23rd, and Singapore 26th, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
LIDO, British steamer, 620, T. Lewis, 8th Feb., Bangkok 29th February, Rice—Hop Hing.  
LUZON, Spanish steamer, 321, William, 27th Jan., Sual 25th January, Ballast—Remedios & Co.—Kowloon Dock.  
MEATH, British steamer, 1,337, John Johnson, 8th Feb., Sydney 12th Jan., and Port Darwin 27th, and Amoy 30th, Coals and General—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.  
MEMORIAL, British str., 1,245, G. W. Read, 8th Feb., London 9th Dec., and Singapore 31st Jan., General—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
MINARD CASTLE, British steamer, 1,556, R. Skinner, 1st Feb., Nagasaki 27th January, Coals—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
MINDANAO, Spanish steamer, 623, Fryer, 5th Feb., Manila 2nd February, General—Dunn, Melbye & Co.  
NAMO, British steamer, 862, Westoby, 7th Feb., Foochow 4th February, Amoy 5th, and Swatow 6th, General—D. Lapraik & Co.  
PEKING, British steamer, 954, G. H. Drewes, 8th Feb., Canton 7th February, General—Simonsen & Co.  
PINO, British steamer, 574, McCaslin, 12th Jan., Peking and Hobei, 15th Jan., General—Russell & Co.—Cosmopolitan Dock.  
SALTIE, French steamer, 323, Bird, 7th Feb., Hobei 6th Feb., General—Shing Loong.  
STAMBOUL, French steamer, 1,478, E. Maigre, 6th Feb., Marseilles 17th Dec., Port Said, Suez, Aden, Colombo, Singapore, and Saigon 1st February, General—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
TAIWAN, British steamer, 1,109, Alfred Williams, 28th January, Glasgow 8th December, and Singapore, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
TANAI, French steamer, 1,750, Drujon, 9th Feb., Yokohama 3rd Feb., General—Messageries Maritimes.  
ULYSES, British steamer, 1,560, Thompson, 6th Feb., Shanghai 3rd February, General—Butterfield & Swire.  
VLADIVOSTOK, Russian steamer, 675, Chmelovsky, 6th Feb., Saigon 1st February, Rice—Melchers & Co.  
VOLMER, Dutch steamer, T. Hintzelmann, 9th Feb., Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. Powan, British steamer, 1,800, Hoyland—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.  
Spark, British steamer, 140—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.  
White Cloud, British steamer, 527—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.  
Yot-sai, British steamer, 180, Lefavor—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.

**SAILING VESSELS.**  
ALDEN BESSIE, American bark, A. Noyes, 22nd Dec., Portland, Oregon 12th Nov., Spars—Melchers & Co.  
ALEXA, British bark, 425, Robb, 16th Jan., Wellington, New Zealand 20th November, General—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
ALV, Portuguese bark, 612, E. de Souza, 12th Jan., Rajah 9th Dec., Timber—Brandao & Co.  
ANTONETTE, British bark, 1,014, E. T. Bunje, 6th January, Manila 27th December, Ballast—Order—Kowloon Dock.  
ANTON GUNTHER, German bark, 441, F. Steinbrugg, 8th Feb., Singapore 13th Dec., Timber—Melchers & Co.  
BARBAROSSA, German ship, 1,313, R. Kausch, 12th Jan., Cardiff 4th August, Coal—Melchers & Co.  
BEATRICE, British schooner, 66, Williams, 17th Jan., Guap 7th January, Copra—Captain.  
BILLY SIMPSON, British bark, 434, Brown, 9th Dec., Cebu 26th Nov., General—Master.  
B. P. CHENEY, American ship, 1,322, C. E. Humphreys, 5th Feb., Cardiff 9th Sept., Coal—P. O. S. N. Co.  
CASHMERE, British ship, 1,338, F. A. Lohhart, 17th Jan., Newcastle 24th Nov., Coal—Master.  
CHANDRANAGOR, Siberian bark, 582, Mercier, 6th Feb., Manila 27th Jan., Ballast—Czajkowski & Co.  
CHAS. G. RICE, American bark, 715, A. W. Smart, 12th Jan., Newcastle, N.S.W., 18th November, Adamson, Bell & Co.  
COLOMA, American bark, 853, Noyes, 5th Jan., Portland, Oregon 8th November, Lumber—Melchers & Co.  
CONQUEST, American bark, 516, Carina, 20th Nov., Newcastle 22nd Sept., Coal—Russell & Co.  
CYPRUS, British ship, 1,392, Johnson, 11th Jan., Middlebro 4th August, Iron—Russell & Co.  
C. B. HAZELTINE, American bark, 880, W. Gilkey, 4th Feb., Rio de Janeiro 9th Oct., Petroleum—Russell & Co.  
DAMIER, German bark, 417, P. Vogt, 14th Jan., Hamburg 27th July, General—Melchers & Co.  
DEUSCHLAND, German ship, 838, R. Kart, 7th Feb., Cardiff 25th September, Coal—Messageries Maritimes.  
DORA, German ship, 1,259, H. Meyer, 22nd November, Cardiff 1st July, Coal—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
DOROTHY, German ship, 1,016, G. Mehloose, 8th Feb., Cardiff 4th Oct., Coal—Siemens & Co.  
ERL KONG, German bark, 456, A. Naunach, 27th Nov., Newchwang 16th Nov., Beans—Siemens & Co.  
ESMERALDA, German bark, 788, H. Brock, 11th Jan., Hamburg 10th August, General—Melchers & Co.  
FANO, Danish bark, 127, M. N. Mortensen, 3rd Feb., Cebu 18th January, General—Ed. Schellhaas & Co.  
GERD HEYE, German bark, 576, E. Lodewigs, 8th Feb., Newcastle, N.S.W., Coal—Ed. Schellhaas & Co.  
GLENVIEW, British 3-m. schooner, 283, D. Thompson, 14th Jan., Manila 9th Dec., General—Wielor & Co.  
GUARDIAN, American ship, 1,124, Fletcher, 3rd Feb., Newcastle, N.S.W., 8th Dec., Coals—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.  
HANS, German bark, 313, A. Thomson, 12th Jan., Chefoo 1st January, General—Wielor & Co.  
HERBERT BLACK, American bark, 575, Treat, 15th Dec., Nagasaki 5th Dec., Coal—Russell & Co.—Kowloon Dock.  
HERMANN, German bark, 453, W. Penn, 10th Dec., Chefoo 28th Nov., General—Wielor & Co.

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(Continued.)  
HIERONIMO, German bark, Island, 2nd Feb., Touron 19th Jan., Coals—Wielor & Co.  
INGEBURG, German bark, 786, H. Island, 27th Jan., Manila 19th Jan., Ballast—Wielor & Co.  
JAMES G. PENDLETON, American bark, 938, B. J. Colcord, 12th Jan., Nagasaki 3rd Jan., Coal—Russell & Co.  
JOHN SMITH, Amer. bark, 564, O. Kustel, 22nd Jan., Shanghai 18th January, Ballast—Russell & Co.  
JUNO, German bark, 517, H. C. Breckwold, 29th Nov., Hamburg 22nd July, General—Melchers & Co.  
KVR, Norwegian bark, 417, Larsen, 3rd Feb., Bangkok 28th Jan., Teakwood—Siemens & Co.  
LIVINGSSTONE, German bark, 531, H. Steffens, 14th Jan., Honolulu 13th December, Ballast—Siemens & Co.  
LOUISA, German 3-m. sch., 245, Schierloch, 2nd Jan., Whampoa 31st Dec., General—Ed. Schellhaas & Co.  
MARIE, Ger. bk., 466, A. Weinronsky, 19th Jan., Hamburg 5th Sept., General—Siemens & Co.  
MARY WHITRIDGE, American ship, 862, Geo. Freeman, and Feb., New York 14th Sept., Kerosene Oil—Kutz Bros.  
NONPAREIL, British bark, 399, E. Finlayson, 9th November, Newchwang 30th Oct., Beans—Chong Woo—Kowloon Dock.  
PRESIDENT SIMON, British bark, 1,235, G. Scarlett, 31st Jan., Manila 23rd January, Ballast—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
PRINTEMPS, French bark, 277, Galland, 4th Feb., Whampoa 3rd February—Carlowitz & Co.  
SOPHIES, British ship, 1,190, Alex. Smith, 4th Feb., Sydney 5th Dec., Coal—Adamson, Bell & Co.  
PROFESSOR NORDENSKJOLD, Norwegian 3-m. sch., 453, E. Jensen, 5th Feb., Newcastle, N.S.W., 21st December, Coal—Russell & Co.  
TRI SINA, Austrian bark, 839, G. Cemkovich, 4th Feb., Newcastle, N.S.W., 19th Dec., 1,117 tons Coal—Siemens & Co.  
WESER, German bark, 916, H. Hellmers, 11th Jan., Cardiff 9th September, Coal—Order.

**CANTON.**  
CHINKIANG, British steamer, 709, S. M. Or, 9th Feb., Shanghai 6th Feb., General—Siemens & Co.  
FU-YEW, Chinese steamer, 920, Barfoot, 9th Feb., Shanghai 6th February, General—C. M. S. N. Co.  
POSANG, British steamer, 967, Irwin, 7th Feb., Shanghai 4th February, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

**RIVER STEAMERS.**  
Hankow, British steamer, 2,235, Ogston—Butterfield & Swire.  
Ho-nan, British steamer, 1,377, T. Benning—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.  
Kiang-ping, Chinese steamer, 360, Holmes—C. M. S. N. Co.  
Kiu-kiang, British steamer, 617, A. Benning—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.  
Klung-chow, British steamer, 159, Goggin—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.  
Powan, British steamer, 1,800, Hoyland—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.  
Spark, British steamer, 140—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.  
White Cloud, British steamer, 527—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.  
Yot-sai, British steamer, 180, Lefavor—Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.

**AMOI.**  
In Port on 6th February, 1883.  
Alex. Newton, British bark, 308 (Newson)—Boyd & Co.  
Androllos, British bark, 400 (Murray)—Boyd & Co.  
Chloris, German bark, 334 (Matzen)—H. A. Petersen & Co.  
Franciska, German bark, 368 (Jessen)—H. A. Petersen & Co.  
Frolich, German brig, 360 (Moller)—Pasdag & Co.  
Helene, German bark, 263 (J. Rieck)—H. A. Petersen & Co.  
Kjoberhans, Danish bark, 353 (Magleby)—H. A. Petersen & Co.  
Louise, American schooner, 280 (Lawrence)—H. A. Petersen & Co.  
Sophie, Swedish bark, 280 (Pehrsson)—H. A. Petersen & Co.

**FOOCHOW.**  
In Port on 5th February, 1883.  
Peter, German schooner, 207 (Moller)—Kaw Hong Take & Co.

**SHANGHAI.**  
In Port on 6th February, 1883.  
Anglo-Indian, British bark, 444 (Graham)—Drysdale, Ringer & Co.  
Annina, Italian bark, 999 (Basso)—C. & J. Trading & Co.  
Blackadder, British brig, 963 (Swensen)—Russell & Co.  
Channel Queen, British bark, (Lacheur)—Chapman, King & Co.  
Charles, British bark, 359 (Schroder)—Nils Moller.  
Ching-tai, Chinese bark, 472 (Taylor)—C. M. S. N. Co.  
Cubana, British bark, 499 (Howard)—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
Dorothy, British bark, 310 (Cros)—Drysdale, Ringer & Co.  
Earl of Elgin, British bark, 979 (Morrison)—Farnham & Co.  
Emma, German schooner, 219 (Michelsen)—Ed. Schellhaas & Co.  
Ernst, German bark, 664 (Pundt)—Captain.  
Escort, American bark, 636 (Waterhouse)—Russell & Co.  
Guiding Star, British bark, 311 (Schlitten)—Mackenzie & Co.  
Hedvig, British bark, 375 (Davey)—Nils Moller.  
Hilda, British bark, 366 (Hemmingsen)—Nils Moller.  
Ino, German bark, 344 (Bohsen)—F. A. Buchard.  
John Potts, British bark, 373 (Brown)—Morris & Co.  
Kolga, British bark, 541 (Kloeth)—Russell & Co.  
Marie Berg, German bark, 536 (Hindricks)—Captain.  
Minna, French bark, 456 (Davey)—Nils Moller.  
Napier, British ship, 992 (Cunningham)—Melchers & Co.  
Omega, British bark, 480 (Cargill)—Morris & Co.  
Pelham, British bark, 340 (Downie)—Mackenzie & Co.  
Perle, British bark, 400 (Krusse)—Nils Moller.  
Sierra Nevada, American ship—Winnier & Co.  
Southern Chief, American ship, 1,283 (Higgins)—C. & J. Trading Co.  
Stout, Norwegian bark, 581 (Hennester)—Chapman, King & Co.  
Tetsu, British bark, 458 (Hyne)—F. A. Buchard.  
Thyra, British bng, 255 (Jones)—Forester L. Velocity, British bark, 490 (Martin)—Morris & Co.

**FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA STATION.**  
Abreck, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Captain Schanz, Chefoo.  
Adonis, French gunboat, 5 guns, Commander Caillard, Saigon.  
Africa, Russian corvette, 8 guns, Captain Alexeyeff, Singapore.  
Alert, American corvette, 4 corvette, Commander Kempff, Kobe.  
Asheut, American corvette, 6 guns, Commander H. E. Mullen, Amoy.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Russian ironclad, Captain de Giers, Manila.  
Elizabeth, German corvette, 15 guns, Captain Hollmann, Nagasaki.  
Ermak, Russian transport, Captain Kolichau, Nagasaki.  
Gornostai, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Stark, Vladivostok.  
Gravina, Spanish cruiser, Don José Quesada, Manila.  
Ilia, Russian gunboat, 8 guns, Commander Klaus, Amoy.  
Kernait, French corvette, Commander Beaumont, Hongkong.  
La Victorieuse, French frigate, 14 guns, Captain de la Balle, Hongkong.  
Lutin, French gunboat, 4 guns, Commander Rouvier, Hongkong.  
Monocacy, American gunboat, 6 guns, Commander C. S. Cotton, Nagasaki.  
Morge, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Tashiro, Japan.  
Nepos, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Valod, Chefoo.  
Palo, American gunboat, 6 guns, Lieutenant Commander Green, Kobe.  
PLASTON, Russian corvette, 8 guns, Captain Pollansky, en route Saigon.  
Richmond, American frigate, 14 guns, Captain Skerrett, Hongkong.  
Sobol, Russian gunboat, 7 gunboat, Commander Boyle, Vladivostok.  
St. Petersburg, Russian transport, 6 guns, Captain Sidenere, Vladivostok.  
Stoch, German corvette, 19 guns, Captain von Blang Amoy.  
Tamega, Portuguese gunboat, Commander da Costa Cabral, Macao.  
Tongous, Russian gunboat, Commander Heck, Singapore.  
Velasco, Spanish cruiser, Captain J. M. Warteis, 7th Feb., Manila 3rd February.  
Vestnik, Russian cruiser, Commander Avelan, en route Singapore.  
Villars, French corvette, 15 guns, Captain M. Dewatre, Shanghai.  
Vostok, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, Commander Molchonsky, Japan.  
Wolf, German gunboat, 4 guns, Commander Strauch, Chefoo.

**CANTON GUNBOAT SQUADRON.**  
An-lan, Viceroy's gunboat, 7 guns, Lin Kuo Ch'ang, Hongkong.  
Chee-hing, Revenue cruiser, 2 guns, Chinese Captain, Canton.  
Chen-to, Viceroy's gunboat, 7 guns, J. Stewart, Canton.  
Chen-jui, Revenue cruiser, 3 guns, Chinese—Hongkong.  
Ching-on, Revenue cruiser, 2 guns, Chung Wing Fal, Canton.  
Ching-tai, Viceroy's gunboat, 4 guns, F. Beasard, Hongkong.  
Chop-chung, Revenue cruiser—Li Tack Ming, Canton.  
Chop-sai, Viceroy's gunboat, Chang, on a cruise.  
Hsi-chang-ching, Revenue cruiser, 3 guns, Wu Jui Chang, Hongkong.  
Hsi-king-ching, Viceroy's gunboat, 3 guns, Chen Liang Chieh, Hongkong.  
Hsi-tung-hung, Viceroy's gunboat, Leung Yui Ting, Canton.  
Hua-shan, Viceroy's gunboat, 2 guns, H. J. Fauch, Canton.  
Li-shih, Revenue cruiser, 3 guns, Chinese, Canton.  
Peng-chao-hai, Revenue cruiser, 4 guns, Chow Shoi, Hongkong.  
Quang-on, Viceroy's gunboat, 4 guns, Lie Ping Tie, Canton.  
Shen-chi, Revenue cruiser, 5 guns, San Tsung Tai, Canton.  
Sui-tung, Viceroy's gunboat, 4 guns, J. H. Murray, Hai Ling Shan.  
Tehing-on, Viceroy's gunboat, 2 guns, Chinese, Admiral, Bogue Fort.  
Tehing-po, Viceroy's gunboat, 3 guns, Chinese, Bogue Fort.  
Tehung-tung, Revenue cruiser, 2 guns, Chun Ti Hu, West Coast.  
Tung-ping, Viceroy's gunboat, 6 guns, A. Gorman, Canton.  
Yi-hu, Viceroy's gunboat, 3 guns, Chinese, Canton.  
Yu-min, Viceroy's gunboat, 3 guns, J. Yau, Canton.

**Post Office.**  
A MAIL WILL CLOSE  
For Straits and London.—Per *Agamemnon*, to-day, the 10th instant, at 4.30 P.M.  
For Saigon.—Per *Whampoa*, to-day, the 10th instant, at 4.30 P.M.  
For Hobei and Haiphong.—Per *Saltie*, to-day, the 10th instant, at 5 P.M.  
For Amoy and Shanghai.—Per *Glenelg*, to-day, the 10th instant, at 5 P.M.  
For Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow.—Per *Namos*, on Monday, the 12th instant, at 11.30 A.M.  
For Amoy and Taiwan.—Per *Albay*, on Monday, the 12th instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
For Manila.—Per *Don Juan*, on Monday, the 12th instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
For Shanghai.—Per *Peking*, on Monday, the 12th instant, at 3.30 P.M.  
For Manila.—Per *Esmeralda*, on Monday, the 12th instant, at 4.30 P.M.  
For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Lennox* and *Yapan*, on Wednesday, the 14th instant, at 2.30 P.M.  
For Nagasaki and Kobe.—Per *Sumida Maru*, on Friday, the 16th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

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MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.  
The French Contract Packet "AMAZON" will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 13th instant, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, via Naples, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australian Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.  
The British Contract Packet "CANOE" will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 13th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom, and Europe via *Brindley*, to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies.

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HOURS FOR CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.  
THE FRENCH MAIL.—DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE.  
5 P.M.—Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes, except the night box, which is always open out of office hours.  
DAY OF DEPARTURE.  
7 A.M.—Post Office opens.  
10 A.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.  
11 A.M.—Mail closes, except for Late Letters.  
11.10 A.M.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 10 cents until.

11.30 A.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.  
11.40 A.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.  
The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by the British Contract Packet:—  
DAY OF DEPARTURE.  
NOON.—Money Order Office closes.  
2.00 P.M.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.  
3.00 P.M.—Mails close, except for Late Letters.  
3.10 P.M.—Letters may be posted with late fee of 10 cents until.  
3.30 P.M.—when the Post Office closes entirely.  
3.40 P.M.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with late fee of 10 cents until time of departure.

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1.—Privates in H.M. Army or Navy. Non-commissioned Officers' Bandmasters, Army Schoolmasters (not Superintending or First Class) Writers or Schoolmistresses may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom by mail at the rate of four cents (two pence) each, which may be prepaid either in Imperial or in Hongkong Stamps. By private steamer the postage is two cents (one penny).  
2.—The same privileges apply to letters addressed to the Privates and Non-commissioned Officers named above.  
3.—Private steamers leave Hongkong for London about every ten days.  
4.—The letters must not exceed half an ounce. No handkerchiefs, jewellery, &c., can be sent, even with the extra open.  
5.—If from a Soldier or Sailor his class and description must be stated in full on the cover, of which must be signed by the Commanding Officer, with name of regiment, ship, &c., in full. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class and description, with name of regiment, ship, &c., must be stated in full.  
6.—Soldiers and Sailors have no privileges with regard to books or papers, nor can these be prepaid with Imperial Stamps.  
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Letters, per 1 oz. 10 Cents.  
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